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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 | **6:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on January 25, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 15 -
Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

Absent: 8 -
C. Cudmore - Arras France
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
R. Warman - German Twinning

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

BARRIE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WEBSITE UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update on the status of the Barrie International Partners Website. Mr. Morrison advised that he will contact in staff in Access Barrie to discuss communications needs for the launch of the website. The Committee discussed providing a presentation to City Council concerning the launch of the Barrie International Partners website.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair and Tammie Maynard, Committee Support Clerk provided an update concerning the Committee's 2022 budget.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. Mr. Sachkiw advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, border crossings in Japan are still closed to travel.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

The Committee met and discussed the status of the Youth Ambassadors Programs as follows:

Murayama, Japan

Dave Morrison, Chair advised that there is nothing new to report concerning Murayama, Japan.

Zweibrücken, Germany

Jamie Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program at Innisdale Secondary School. He advised that twenty-seven students have been enrolled in the 2022 Global Perspectives program and that the application process for students for the 2023 program has commenced.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

Jean Maurice Pigeon provided an update concerning German Twinning. He advised that plans are underway for an adult delegation to travel to Zweibrücken, Germany in May, 2022 with a reciprocal visit between September 4, 2022 to September 14, 2022, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two municipalities. He mentioned that he was organizing the delegation's itinerary for their

September, 2022 visit to Barrie. He explained that no communications from Zweibrücken, Germany has been received concerning the status of the twinning arrangements for 2022.

HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Louise LeRoux provided an update concerning Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom and the potential for a rugby sports team exchange between the two municipalities.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning Arras, France. He advised that plans have been cancelled with Arras, France for 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

There were no updates concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project.

The Committee briefly discussed the new flag banners related to the City's twinning partners and working with staff in Access Barrie to provide communications related to the flag banners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

CHAIRMAN